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ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING HAS A SPECIAL RELEVANCE FOR CHAD, WHICH IS A BORDER COUNTRY BETWEEN FRANCO-PHONE AND ANGLO-PHONE AFRICA. THE PEACE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE (USIS) ARE THE PRIMARY ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ENGAGED IN ENGLISH TEACHING IN CHAD. (AID ON OCCASION PROFFERS ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR SOME OF THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TECHNICAL PROGRAMS IN U.S.) THE PEACE CORPS HAS 30 TEACHERS IN 13 CEGS (COLLEGE D'ENSEIGNEMENT GENERALES) THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THIRTEEN TEACHERS TEAH IN 7 LYCEES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. TWO PCVS TEACH AMERICAN AND ENGLISH LITERATURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHAD.

2. THE PEACE CORPS INTENDS TO EXPAND AT THE RATE OF ONE TEACHER PER YEAR OVER THE NEXT FIVE YERAS AND THE UNIVERSITY AT THE REQUEST OF TH E MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. NEXT YEAR'S PLAN CALLS FOR 53 SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS AND IT IS ANTHICPATED THAT THIS NUMBER WILL REMAIN STEADY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

3. THE PEACE CORPS ANTICIPATES THAT OVER THE LONG TERM THE NUMBER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PCV ENGLISH TEACHERS WILL BE REDUCED AS THE CHADIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TAKES ON THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INCREASED TEACHER TRAINING.

4. CHADIAN ENGLISH TEACHERS OCCASIONALLY WORK IN PEACE CORPS TRAINING PROGRAMS AND ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PEACE CORPS' INTENSIVE COURSES IN TEACHING METHODOLOGY.

5. A PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER SUPERVISING TEACHER ALSO WORKS AS AN INSPECTOR OF ENGLISH IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PRIMARILY FOR THE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

6. USIS N'DJAMENA OPERATES A COST-CONSCIOUS EVENING ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 ADULTS. THERE ARE THREE LEVELS OF CLASSES -- BEGINNING, INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED. THE LET'S LEARN ENGLISH SERIES IS USED AS THE TEXT. CLASSES MEET THREE HOURS PER WEEK AT THE CULTURAL CENTER. INSTRUCTORS ARE RECRUITED FROM THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY. SEVERAL PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS DONATE THEIR TIME TO TEACH EVENING CLASSES.

7. USIS N'DJAMENA ARRANGES AS NECESSARY PRIVATE ENGLISH LESSONS FOR HIGH-LEVEL CHADIANS. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS YEAR USIS HAS ARRANGED PRIVATE ENGLISH LESSONS FOR THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS AND FOR THE NEW CHADIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES.

8. USIS N'DJAMENA ANTICIPATES CONTINUED INTEREST IN THE ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. WITH THE INCREASING SIZE OF THE AMERICAN MISSION, USIS FEELS THAT IT WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO DRAW ITS INSTRUCTORS FROM AMONG THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

9. THE INTENT OF THE PROGRAM IS TO TEACH SPOKEN ENGLISH TO ADULTS, NOT STUDENTS, SINCE STUDENTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE LANGUAGE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.

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10. THE USIS OPERATION IN N'DJAMENA WORKS CLOSELY WITH PEACE CORPS ENGLISH TEACHERS CONCERNING THE SUPPLY OF AGENCY-PRODUCED MATERIALS AND CLASSROOM DISPLAYS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT PEACE CORPS ENGLISH TEACHERS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY USIS SPONSORED ENGLISH TEACHING SEMINARS. FINALLY, USIS IS GRATEFUL FOR THOSE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE AGREED TO TEACH IN THE CULTURAL CENTER'S EVENING ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS.

11. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S OPINION THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN USIS AND THE PEACE CORPS ON MATTERS OF TEACHING ENGLISH WILL ALWAYS BE TO THE BENEFIT OF CHAD AND THE USG. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HOWEVER SETS THE OBJECTIVES FOR THE PEACE CORPS ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM RATHER THAN THE PEACE CORPS ITSELF.

12. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE PEACE CORPS ENGLISH PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WHILE THAT OF USIS DEALS WITH ADULTS.

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13. WHILE THE USIS PROGRAM USES THE LET'S LEARN ENGLISH TEXT,
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS USE ANY AND ALL OF THE FOLLOWING SERIES
DEPENDING ON THEIR AVAILABILITY IN THE VOLUNTEER'S SCHOOL:

L'ANGLAIS EN AFRIQUE

L'ANGLAIS PAR ILLUSTRATION

ENGLISH FOR FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA

14. BECUASE OF THESE DIFFERENCES, WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED A
"COMPREHENSIVE" ENGLISH TEACHING PROGRAM FOR CHAD MIGHT
BE DIFFICULT TO FORMULATE. WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS STATED ABOVE,
CONTINUED COLLABORATION BETWEEN PEACE CORPS AND USIS AT ALL
LEVELS IS ENCOURAGED AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PRACTICE AT THE
AMERICAN MISSION IN CHAD.

15. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS, AT THE PRESENT TIME, ONE FULBRIGHT
PROFESSOR TEACHING LINGUISTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHAD. HE
WILL PROBABLY RETURN NEXT YEAR. IT IS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER A
FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR WILL CONTINUE BO BE PLACED IN THE ENGLISH
DEPARTMENT SINCE PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS TEACH BASICALLY THE
SAME KIND OF COURSES AS THE FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR. THE UNIVERSITY
HAS REQUESTED AN ECONOMIC PROFESSOR FROMTHE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1978-79; THUS, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT IN
THE NEAR FUTURE, THE ENGLISH TEACHING FULBRIGHT POSITION
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